lands for different useful purposes are in the advanced stage of finalization.

Policy for unauthorised colonies settled during 1993 to 2000 in Delhi

† 1677. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to regularies all unauthorised colonies which came into existence during the period from 1977 to 31st March, 1993;

(b) if so, the details about these colonies togetherwith the number of persons likely to be benefited;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many unauthorised colonies have come into existence in Delhi during the period from March, 1993 to March, 2000; and

(d) if so, the total number thereof togetherwith the estimated number of persons settled therein and the policy of Government in regard to them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) In early 1993, Govt, of National Capital Territory of Delhi decided to recommend to the Government of India for regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi which had come up before March 31, 1993. Soon thereafter, a public interest writ petition was filed by the Common Cause in the Delhi High Court against this proposal/ recommendations. The High Courts, in its interim orders, stayed action or decision by the Government for regularising these colonies.

On the directions of the Court, a High Powered Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development was constituted to go into the entire gamut of issue on unauthorised colonies. On the

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basis of the report of this Committee, the High Court asked the Government to submit its view to the Court in respect of regularisation of the colonics and the terms and conditions on which such regularisation could be done. After consulting all the local authorities including the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, a draft proposal was prepared. This proposal was sent to Delhi Government and the Government of Delhi conveyed its agreement to the draft proposal in October, 1999. Thereafter, the Government of India formulated its views and these views arc being submitted to the High Court through an affidavit. The High Court, after considering these views and holding further proceedings in the matter, will take appropriate decision. The Government will take further action in accordance with the directions/orders of the High Court.

Serious problem of Accomodation in Delhi

† 1678. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to constantly increasing population in Delhi the problem of accommodation is getting serious and there is shortage of accommodation;

(b) if so, the estimate of population increasing every year and requirement of dwelling units for this increasing population; and

(c) whether Government would consider to introduce any concrete and simplified procedure to develop housing system consistently in order to check the settlement of unauthorised colonics in future;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA), (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the report of the Technical Group on Population

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